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PROPOSED TRANSFER OF SMIRNOV TO SEATTLE IN PLACE OF MAKSIMENKO (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No: 1647

17 July 43

To STEPANOV, [1] VORONTsOV, [11]

By agreement with AKULIN[111] and PITERSKIJ[iv] to satisfy our joint needs Lieutenant-Commander [KAPITAN LEJTEVANT] SMIRNOV[v] is being transferred to SEATTLE, Captain 1st Rank MAKSIMENKO[vi] [1 group unrecovered] to WASHINGTON. Officially his role is that of PITERSKIJ's assistant. In practice he is used for handling documents on operational and tactical questions and the Convoy Service. [X] To leave MAKSIMENKO in SEATTLE is inadvisable. He does not know the language, his rank is too high for the duties he is performing, relations with the local authorities are becoming strained. He has no inclination towards operational work. With the office work he will be of substantial assistance to us. His wife is an interpreter and will satisfy our common requirements.

No. 512[a]

EGORICHEV[vii]

Note: [a] Referred to in WASHINGTON's Nos. 1658, 1659, 1660, all of 17th July 1943 (3/NBF/T1235, 1236, 1237).

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- Comments: [i] STEPANOV : Appears in the text as Name No. 24.  
Vice-Admiral G. A. STEPANOV was appointed Chief  
of Naval Staff on 18th March 1943.
- [ii] VORONTsOV : Not known.
- [iii] AKULIN : This name is spelt out. Vice-Admiral  
M. I. AKULIN, a deputy chairman of the S.G.P.C.  
in WASHINGTON.
- [iv] PITERSKLJ : This name is spelt out. Capt. (1st Rank)  
N. I. PITERSKLJ, head of the USSR Routing and  
Convoy Office in WASHINGTON.
- [v] SMIRNOV : Naval Officer at PORTLAND.
- [vi] MAKSIMENKO : Soviet Naval Representative in SEATTLE.
- [vii] EGORICHEV : Appears in the text as Name No. 5.  
Capt. 1st Rank I. A. EGORICHEV was Soviet  
Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON.

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